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COMMISSION MINUTES

February 7-8, 2007

Napa Valley Marriott Hotel and Spa

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007

I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Commissioner Esquivel called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Commissioner Lacayo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call, Determine Excused and Unexcused Absences, Establish Quorum

Commissioners Present: Celia Esquivel, Ernest Ayala, Ruth Braswell, Connie Chang, Lily Chen, James Davis, Mike DeNunzio, Shannon Glavaz, Erica Goode, Karen Josephson, Hank Lacayo, Richard Lundin, Sharon Monck, Cheryl Phillips, Carlos Rodriguez, Andy Scharlach, Hav Staggs, Donna Ueland, Benne Yee

Commissioners Excused: Jon Pynoos, Tom Rowe, Leah Wyman

Guests: Leanne Martinsen, Rich Broaddus, Al Ilick, Terri Restelli-Deits, Naomi Dreskin-Anderson

Staff: Sandra Fitzpatrick, Carol Sewell

A quorum was present.

III. Introductions

Esquivel introduced new commissioners DeNunzio and Ueland.

IV. Approve Agenda

The February 7-8, 2007 agenda was reviewed.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Braswell)

TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 7-8, 2007 AGENDA.

V. Approve Minutes

The minutes from October, November, December, 2006, and January, 2007 were reviewed.

M/S/C (Davis/Lacayo)

TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 31, 2006, DECEMBER 5, 2006, AND JANUARY 9, 2007 AND THE FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 1-2, 2006 AND DECEMBER 6, 2006.

Abstentions: Lundin and Staggs.

VI. Public Comments

Leanne Martinsen and Rich Broaddus, representing PSA 28, were introduced.

VII. Presentation: Overview of the Area 28 Agency on Aging, serving Napa and Solano Counties

Martinsen, Executive Director PSA 28, described PSA 28's private, non-profit structure that provides services to the aging and to persons with disabilities in Napa and Solano counties. An innovative program used by the agency is a partnership with the County Jail where inmates prepare congregate and home-delivered meals. She noted that the aging service structure in the two-county area was very complicated; collaborative planning was important with the counties and cities in order to prevent duplication of services. Martinsen said the agency was working to expanding fundraising sources including grants and donations.

Richard Broaddus, Chair, PSA 28 Advisory Council, described the Advisory Council's work, including visiting providers, developing programs and participating in senior advocacy coalitions in the area.

VIII. Unfinished Business

A. Turning Ideas Action Proceedings and Discussion of Next Steps

Fitzpatrick presented the final draft report from the Turning Ideas Into Action (TIIA) forum for the Commission's approval. Various approaches to incorporate the document's recommendations into CCoA actions were discussed, proposing that it be used to guide Commission planning at the April retreat. It was recommended that Appendix F be eliminated due to an incomplete summary of the forum's recommendations.

M/S/C (Davis/Ayala)

TO APPROVE THE TURNING IDEAS INTO ACTION PROCEEDINGS AS AMENDED FOR PUBLICATION AND USE AS A KEY PLANNING DOCUMENT.

B. CCoA Bylaws & Standing Rules

Davis presented the revised Bylaws and Standing Rules. Key changes include a revised committee structure and rotating seats for agencies, as approved previously by the Commission. Davis thanked Esquivel, Staggs, Fitzpatrick and Sewell for their work on the documents.

M/S/C (Davis/Staggs)

TO APPROVE THE REVISED BYLAWS & STANDING RULES WITH PROPOSED CORRECTIONS.

C. Follow up from last month's presentation on Assembly Member Berg's Master Plan on Aging

Fitzpatrick reported that a status report on Berg's legislative priorities would be available after the February 23 bill introduction deadline.

IX. Executive Committee Meeting Reports

A. January 9, 2007 Meeting

1. Letter of Support to re-establish a House Select Committee On Aging

Davis reported that in response to recommendations from the TIIA Forum, the Executive Committee approved sending a letter to Speaker Pelosi requesting re-establishment of the House Select Committee on Aging.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Phillips)

TO RATIFY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION TO SEND A LETTER REQUESTING RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF A HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON AGING.

2. Co-sponsorship of a Legislative bill to create a proportionate set-aside of Proposition 1C funds (Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006), specifically for affordable housing within the State's Multi Family Housing Program

Fitzpatrick reported that in response to another TIIA priority, the Executive Committee recommended that CCoA co-sponsor legislation to dedicate a proportion of Proposition 1C funds for low-income senior housing. A presentation by one of the co-sponsors, Aging Services of California, is set for February 8.

M/S/C (Davis/Lacayo)

TO ENDORSE CCOA'S CO-SPONSORSHIP OF SENIOR HOUSING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD CREATE A PROPORTIONATE SET-ASIDE OF THE STATE'S MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROGRAM FUNDS.

B. February 7, 2007 Meeting

1. Consideration of Request to hold a concurrent meeting with the State Independent Living Council (SILC) in February 2008

The Executive Committee recommends that CCoA meet with the SILC in San Diego in February 2008. The meeting fits CCoA's goal of improving relationships with the disability community. Fitzpatrick said the meeting could be co-located, with a common session that might include a speaker, a hearing, or another type of event.

M/S/C (Yee/Josephson)

TO HOLD A CONCURRENT MEETING WITH THE STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL IN SAN DIEGO IN FEBRUARY, 2008.

2. Proposed change to the 2007 Meeting Schedule

The Executive Committee recommends changing the June meeting dates from the 6th and 7th to June 13 and 14 and proposed amending the August and October meeting dates as well. Several commissioners raised scheduling conflicts with the proposed changes.

Esquivel asked for approval of the June 13 and 14 dates, postponing any subsequent changes until a later date.

APPROVED BY CONSENSUS.

X. New Business

A. Executive Committee vacancies

Davis announced that the Executive Committee had nominated Lacayo as chair of the Advocacy & Policy Committee and Staggs as chair of the Bylaws & Operational Plan Committee. Under the new Bylaws, chairs of standing committees also serve on the Executive Committee and therefore, must be approved by the full Commission. Filling one remaining Executive Committee vacancy was postponed.

M/S/C (Monck/Phillips)

TO APPROVE COMMISSIONERS LACAYO AND STAGGS AS MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

B. Governor's Health Plan

Fitzpatrick said no specific bill language had been released to support the Governor's health reform plan to date; information will be brought to the Commission as legislation is introduced.

XI. Chair's Remarks

A. General

Esquivel commented that she was honored to have been elected chair.

B. 2007 Committee Membership

Esquivel announced 2007 committee membership as follows:

- Executive Committee -- Esquivel (chair), Davis, Glavaz, Josephson, Lacayo, Staggs, vacancy
- Advocacy & Policy Committee – Lacayo (chair), Staggs, Rowe, Chen, Ayala, Scharlach, Wyman, Rodriguez, DeNunzio
- Strategic Plan for an Aging California Monitoring Committee– Josephson/Scharlach (co-chairs), Esquivel, Phillips, Braswell, Ayala
- State Plan on Aging Monitoring Committee – Rowe, Glavaz, Monck, Pynoos (no chair named)
- Volunteer Partnership Project Committee – Lundin, Goode, Yee, Ueland (no chair)

C. Older Californians Act Revision Process

Esquivel and Davis reported that they and Fitzpatrick had met with Dixon Arnett and Ray Mastalish to brainstorm possible approaches to improving the state's aging

services. The discussion was conceptual; Senator Elaine Alquist may request CCoA leadership in preparation of legislation as the idea develops. Once a proposal is released, the Commission can choose to participate or not.

XII. Executive Director Report – Fitzpatrick

A. Activities Summary

Fitzpatrick reviewed staff activities for the preceding month, including her participation in a budget conference call led by Health and Human Service Secretary Belshé, coordinating a meeting between the Congress of California Seniors and California Volunteers, and presentations at recent TACC and C4A meetings.

B. Financial Statements through December 2006

CCoA was working with the Department of Finance to make the prior year's carryover funds usable during the current year.

C. Personnel Update

The Executive Secretary position remains vacant. Interviews are scheduled and CSL continues to loan Sharon Jenkins back as needed

D. Legislative Report (Sewell)

Sewell reported that the deadline for bill introduction is February 23. CCoA is co-sponsoring senior housing legislation. The Governor's health care reform proposal is still in the conceptual stage; staff will keep the Commission updated as legislation or budget proposals are released.

XIII. Presentation: Proposed County Ordinance related to Caregiver

Background Checks - Terri Restelli-Deits, Planner, Area 28 Agency on Aging

Restelli-Deits presented Napa County's proposal for a local ordinance addressing elder abuse by caregivers. The local initiative will promote public awareness of elder abuse, standardize education and training for providers, and require background checks, with implementation targeted by 2008. Napa's proposal is based on language developed by the San Diego County District Attorney. Restelli-Deits said she hoped the ordinance would provide a model for statewide caregiver legislation.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2007

XIV. New Business – continued

A. Presentation: CCoA's involvement as a co-sponsor of legislation related to the Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 -- Rick Taylor, Associate Director of Public Policy, Aging Services of California

Taylor gave a history of Proposition 1C, explaining that senior housing money was deleted as the legislation moved through the Legislature. Current funding for affordable senior housing is inadequate. A coalition, including CCoA, AARP, Congress of California Seniors and Aging Services of California, is sponsoring a new bill dedicating a proportionate amount of Proposition 1C funds for low-income senior housing. Taylor said if approved, the funds would be allocated as grants to non-profit organizations and others developing affordable senior housing.

B. Committee Reports

1. Advocacy & Policy Committee

Sewell reported on the Committee's decision to postpone positioning on legislation until all bills had been introduced on February 23. The Committee recommended letters be sent to new Department of Aging Director Lynn Daucher, to outgoing Acting Director Lora Connolly, to Terri Restelli-Deits, to Assembly Member Patty Berg, and to the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. The Committee asked for Executive Committee guidance on appropriate action in response to information garnered at public hearings.

M/S/C (Yee/Josephson)

TO ACCEPT THE ADVOCACY AND POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT.

2. Strategic Plan for an Aging California

Josephson reported on the Committee's plan to focus on things that can be accomplished. The Committee requested a report on all current legislation related to the Strategic Plan and for identification of intersections between the Strategic Plan and the State Plan on Aging. The Committee's goal is to report to the Legislature by June, providing information on the top 15 priorities as well as identifying new priorities. Committee focus is to emphasize CCoA's role in assisting and motivating the state to accomplish priorities.

M/S/C (Lacayo/Glavaz)

TO ACCEPT THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR AND AGING CALIFORNIA COMMITTEE REPORT.

3. Volunteer Partnership Committee

Ueland reported on the Committee's goal of urging CaliforniaVolunteers to pursue other approaches to marketing older volunteer opportunities. The Committee proposed that the Commission survey the state volunteerism hubs to evaluate outreach to and response of older volunteers. Ueland and Goode agreed to co-chair the committee.

M/S/C (Yee/Chang)

TO ACCEPT THE COMMITTEE REPORT AND CONSIDER FURTHER STRATEGIES AT THE APRIL RETREAT.

XV. Commissioner Reports

Glavaz – Reported on a new geriatric ward in development at her hospital.

Staggs – Noted that the TACC had also decided not to meet at the Coordinated Leadership Council.

Goode – Expressed enthusiasm at a new federal proposal to reinstate geriatric education funding.

Ayala – Reported on community opposition to the takeover of an abandoned historic San Francisco Armory by adult entertainment business.

DeNunzio -- Announced the recent end of his two-year term on San Francisco's committee to end homelessness.

Lundin – Extended thanks to Commissioner Monck for gift bags and thanked CCoA for holding the hearing on veterans' issues.

Chen – Expressed her enthusiasm over CCoA's new appointees.

XVI. Next Meeting: April 23-24 in Sacramento

Esquivel announced the April 23rd and 24th meeting would be a Commission retreat in Sacramento.

XVIII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.